

Marxism 2009 Program

— Updated March 31 —

Thursday 9th April - 6:30pm

Public meeting: Challenging capitalism and war: featuring a left wing activist from Egypt **Mamdouh Habashi**, American socialist and author of a new book on the Vietnam War **Joe Allen** and Socialist Alternative National Executive member **Sandra Bloodworth**.

— Friday 10th April —

- 10am** • *Marxist foundations:* The Russian revolution: The real story
- Sri Lanka: Where Trotskyism became a mass movement with **Vashti Kenway**
- Trading in pollution: Environmental destruction & the fallacy of market solutions with **Liz Walsh**
- 11:30 am** • Bubble to Bust: The Global Economy Today with Deutscher prize winning author **Rick Kuhn**
- *Marxist foundations:* Do revolutions always end in dictatorships?
- Australia and the “Good War”: Opposition and Resistance during WW2 with **Tom O’Lincoln** author of a soon to be published book on the war
- 2pm** • Q and A with renowned investigative reporter and documentary filmmaker **John Pilger**
- Fighting back against capitalist crisis: A first hand report on worker and student resistance in Greece with Greek socialist activist Thanasis Kourkoulas
- 4pm** • What does the Obama presidency mean for world politics with American socialist **Joe Allen**
- The Northern Territory intervention: The latest racist land grab with NT Aboriginal activist **Barbara Shaw**, one of the leaders of the Intervention Rollback Action Group, and Socialist Alternative's **Diane Fieldes**
- 7pm** • Debate on way forward for the union movement with **Tom Bramble** author of a new book on the history of the Australian union movement and Grahame McCulloch, General Secretary, National Tertiary Education Union

- The red in the rainbow – the struggle for sexual liberation with Socialist Alternative National Executive member **Louise O’Shea**
- *Marxist foundations:* What is the revolutionary attitude to violence and non-violence?

- 9pm** • Red Shelley: A recital by **Luke Wilson** of the revolutionary poetry of Percy Bysshe Shelley
- Radical history tour of Melbourne University conducted by **Mick Armstrong**

— Saturday 11th April —

- 10am** • *Marxist foundations:* Is human nature a barrier to radical change?
- Are Western workers a labour aristocracy? with **Lian Jenvey**
- When the Diggers took on the Scabs – Retaking the Waterfront in 1919 with radical historian **Robert Bollard**
- 11:30 am** • *Marxist foundations:* Socialist Alternative: Who are we? What do we stand for?
- What the world economic crisis means for socialists with Socialist Alternative National Executive member **Diane Fieldes**
- Comrades Come Rally: The formation of the Australian Communist Party with **Patrick Weiniger**
- 2pm** • Panel on Gay Liberation Movement with **Liz Ross**, **Daniel Marshall** and another special guest
- The origins of Bolshevism in Russia: A new interpretation with **Sandra Bloodworth**
- Why does capitalism go into crisis? with **Diane Fieldes**
- 4pm** • *Marxist foundations:* Why do we need a socialist organisation?
- Imperialism and the struggle for a free Palestine with a **Palestinian socialist**, guest speakers from the Middle East and Socialist Alternative's **Mick Armstrong**
- *Animal Farm* and 1984: Was Orwell anti-socialist? with **Liam Byrne**

- 6pm** • Multimedia presentation on the campaign against Connex's Apartheid railway in occupied Palestine with **Jerome Small**
- 7pm** • The socialist answer to capitalist crisis with a range of international speakers and **Vashti Kenway** from Socialist Alternative
- 9pm** • Film Screening of the Walkley award winning anti-war film *Taliban Country*, directed by Carmela Baranowska
- Radical history tour of Melbourne University conducted by **Mick Armstrong**

— Sunday 12th April —

- 10am** • *Marxist foundations:* Why a class analysis matters to changing the world
- Does the “Russia question” still matter for the left? with Socialist Alternative magazine editor **Corey Oakley**
- The Marxist theory of sexism, oppression and class with **Fleur Taylor**
- 11:30 am** • *Marxist foundations:* The capitalist state: What it is and how to challenge it
- A history of Anarchism – a Marxist critique by **Colleen Bolger**
- A report on working class resistance in the Middle East by **Mamdouh Habashi** from Egypt
- 2pm** • The ABC of Marxist Economics with **Ben Hillier**
- Does the Marxist theory of imperialism need updating? by **Tom Bramble**
- More than a year of hard Labor: Rudd and Australian politics today with **Rebecca Barrigos**
- 4pm** • Lenin’s *What is to be done* – a re-interpretation by **Mick Armstrong**
- Why changing the world means taking power with **Allyson Hose**
- *Marxist foundations:* Sexism and 21st century capitalism: Why are women still oppressed?
- 5:40 pm** • Final round up with a range of international speakers and **Vashti Kenway** from Socialist Alternative